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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

26 USC § 7206(2)

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	District	of Massachusetts	
UNITED S	TATES OF AMERICA V.	AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE	
TAL	MUS TAYLOR	Case Number: 1: 05 CR 10067 - 001 - PBS	
		USM Number: 25621-038	
		Bruce MacDonald, Esq.	
		Defendant's Attorney	
Date of Original Jud	gment: 7/13/06	Appendix A: Statement of Reasons	iche
✓ Judgment amend	ded to reflect imposed term of imprisonm	ent.	
THE DEFENDA			_
pleaded noto conte which was aecepte			
was found guilty of after a plea of not g	n count(s) 1 - 16 guilty.		
The defendant is adju-	dicated guilty of these offenses:	Additional Counts - See continuation page	
Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended Count	
6 USC § 7206(2)	Aiding and Assisting in the Preparat	tion of False Tax Returns 03/14/00 1	
ame	same	03/17/00 2	
same	same	03/14/01 3	
ame	same	03/05/00 4	
same	same	04/11/01 5	
The defendant the Sentencing Reform	is sentenced as provided in pages 2 throun Act of 1984.	ugh of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant t	.О
The defendant has	been found not guilty on count(s)		
Count(s)	is	are dismissed on the motion of the United States.	
It is ordered or mailing address unt the defendant must no	that the defendant must notify the United S il all fines, restitution, costs, and special as tify the court and United States attorney of	States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residences assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitute of material changes in economic circumstances.	ence ition
		03/04/09	
		Date of Imposition of Judgment	
		Signature of Judge	

The Honorable Patti B. Saris Judge, U.S. District Court

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Name and Title of Judge

Date

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ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF CONVICTION

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Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	<u>Count</u>
26 USC § 7206(2)	Aiding and Assisting in the Preparation of False Tax Returns	04/15/99	ń
same	same	03/08/00	7
same	same	03/24/01	3
same	same	04/11/01	9
same	same	06/10/00	10
same	same	06/10/00	11
same	same	10/01/01	L 2
same	same	02/19/00	13
same	same	05/30/01	14
same	same	06/25/99	15
same	same	06/10/00	. 6

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IMPRISONMENT		
The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Priso total term of: 2 month(s)	ons to be impriso	oned for a
The two months are to be served from June 29, 2009 to August 28, 2009.		
The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:		
The defendant is remanded to the eustody of the United States Marshal.		
The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:		
at a.m. p.m. on as notified by the United States Marshal.		·
The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the	he Bureau of Pri	sons:
before 2 p.m. on 06/29/09 .		
as notified by the United States Marshal.		
as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.		
RETURN		
I have executed this judgment as follows:		
Defendant delivered on to		
a, with a certified copy of this judgment.		
	UNITED STATE	S MARSHAL
Ву		
	EPUTY UNITED ST	TATES MARSHAL

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	ENDANT: E NUMBER:	TALMUS TAY 1: 05 CR 100	67 - 001 - F		ARY PENALT	Judgment — Page	a of	9
,	The defendant	must pay the total cr						
тот	'ALS \$	<u>Assessment</u> \$1,600.0	0	<u>Fine</u> S	\$10,000.00	Restitutio S	<u> </u>	
	The determinat after such deter	ion of restitution is comination.	deferred until	An <i>Ame</i>	ended Judgment in	a Criminal Case (AO 24 5 C) will	be entered
\bigcap	The defendant	must make restitutio	n (including comm	nunity restitution	on) to the following	payees in the amou	nt listed below.	
	If the defendan the priority ord before the Unit	t makes a partial pay er or percentage pay ed States is paid.	ment, each payee ment column belo	shall receive as ow. However,	approximately propursuant to 18 U.S.	portioned payment, C. § 3664(i), all noi	unless specified nfederal victims	l otherwise in must be paid
Nam	e of Payee		Total Loss*		Restitution Order	<u>red</u>	Priority or Per	centage
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101	TALS	\$		<u>).00 </u>		\$0.00		
	Restitution an	nount ordered pursua	ant to plea agreem	ent \$		_		
	fifteenth day a	t must pay interest o after the date of the j or delinquency and d	udgment, pursuan	t to 18 U.S.C.	§ 3612(f). All of the			
П	The court dete	ermined that the defe	endant does not ha	ve the ability t	o pay interest and it	is ordered that:		
_		st requirement is wa	_		-			
		st requirement for th	_	· . —	is modified as follo	ws:		

^{*} Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The \$1,600.00 Special Assessment and the \$10,000.00 Fine were previously imposed at the original sentencing on July 12, 2006, and have been paid in full by the defendant.

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CAS	DEFENDANT: TALMUS TAYLOR CASE NUMBER: 1: 05 CR 10067 - 001 - PBS DISTRICT: MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF REASONS						
I	CO	URT I	FINI	DINGS ON PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT			
	Α	4	The	court adopts the presentence investigation report without change.			
	В		The court adopts the presentence investigation report with the following changes. (Check all that apply and specify court determination, findings, or comments, referencing paragraph numbers in the presentence report, if applicable.) (Use Section VIII if necessary)				
		1		Chapter Two of the U.S.S.G. Manual determinations by eourt (including changes to base offense level, or specific offense characteristics):			
		Chapter Three of the U.S.S.G. Manual determinations by court (including changes to victim-related adjustments, role in the offense, obstruction of justice, multiple counts, or acceptance of responsibility):					
		3		Chapter Four of the U.S.S.G. Manual determinations by court (including changes to criminal history category or scores, career offender, or criminal livelihood determinations):			
		4		Additional Comments or Findings (including comments or factual findings concerning certain information in the presentence report that the Federal Bureau of Prisons may rely on when it makes inmate classification, designation, or programming decisions):			
	С		Th	e record establishes no need for a presentence investigation report pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 32.			
II	CC	OURT	FIN]	DING ON MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE (Cheek all that apply.)			
	Α	V	No	count of conviction carries a mandatory minimum sentence.			
	В		Мал	datory minimum sentence imposed			
	С		sent	or more counts of conviction alleged in the indictment carry a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, but the ence imposed is below a mandatory minimum term because the court has determined that the mandatory minimum s not apply based on			
				findings of fact in this case substantial assistance (18 U.S.C. § 3553(e)) the statutory safety valve (18 U.S.C. § 3553(f))			
III	C	DURT	DET	ERMINATION OF ADVISORY GUIDELINE RANGE (BEFORE DEPARTURES):			
	Total Offense Level: Criminal History Category: Imprisonment Range: 30 to 37 months Supervised Release Range: Fine Range: \$\$ 6,000 to \$\$ 60,000\$ Fine waived or below the guideline range because of inability to pay.						

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VI		URT DETE		INATION FOR SENTENCE O	UTSIDE THE ADVISORY GU	JIDELINE SYSTEM		
	A							
	В	Sentence i	imp	osed pursuant to (Check all that a	apply.):			
]	Plea	Agreement (Check all that apply binding plea agreement for a sentence outlide the plea agreement that states that the govern system	tside the advisory guideline system accept advisory guideline system, which the co			
		}	Mot	ion Not Addressed in a Plea Agr government motion for a sentence outside defense motion for a sentence outside of defense motion for a sentence outside of	e of the advisory guideline system the advisory guideline system to which th	he government did not object		
			Oth		y the parties for a sentence outside of the	advisory guideline system (C reck reason(s) below.):		
	C	Reason(s)	for	Sentence Outside the Advisory	Guideline System (Check all tha	t apply.)		
		to reflect to afford to protect to provide (18 U.S.	of the daded the de the C. §	quate deterrence to eriminal conduct (18 U public from further crimes of the defendant	sect for the law, and to provide just punished. S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(B)) Int (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(C)) Cational training, medical eare, or other condants (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6))	bursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(.)(1) hment for the offense (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(A)) orrectional treatment in the most effective manner		
	D	-		cts justifying a sentence outside	the advisory guideline system.	(UseSection VIII if necessary.)		

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KIC	1:		MASSACHUSETIS	
			STATEM	IENT OF REASONS
CO	URT	DET	ERMINATIONS OF RESTITUTION	
Α	₹	Rest	itution Not Applicable.	
В	Tota	al Am	ount of Restitution:	<u> </u>
С	Res	titutio	n not ordered (Cheek only one.):	
	1			ndatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because the number of on impracticable under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(A).
	2		issues of fact and relating them to the cause or arr	indatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because determining complex sount of the victims' losses would complicate or prolong the sentencing process to a degree would be outweighed by the burden on the sentencing process under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(B).
	3		ordered because the complication and prolongation	zed under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 and/or required by the sentencing guidelines, restitution is not on of the sentencing process resulting from the fashioning of a restitution order outweigher 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(1)(B)(ii).
	4		Restitution is not ordered for other reasons. (Exp	laın)
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				ACE IN THIS CASE (If applicable.)
		Se	ections I, II, III, IV, and VII of the Stater	nent of Reasons form must be completed in all felony cases.
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endan	t`s Da	ite of	Birth:	03/04/09
endan	t's Re	siden	ce Address: Boston, MA 02118	Signature of Judge The Honorable Potti P. Soria Judge H.S. District Court
ndan	t's M	ailing	Address: same	The Honorable Patti B. Saris Judge, U.S. District Court Name and Title of Judge Date Signed
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APPENDIX A: STATEMENT OF REASONS

Defendant Talmus R. Taylor appeared before the Court for resentencing pursuant to a remand by the First Circuit Court of Appeals. See United States v. Taylor, 532 F.3d 68 (1st Cir. 2008) (Taylor II). The case has had a long history. After a jury trial, on March 29, 2006, Taylor was convicted of sixteen counts of aiding and abetting the preparation of false tax returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2). At sentencing, the Court calculated a sentencing guideline range based on a Total Offense Level of 19 and a Criminal History Category of I, yielding a guideline imprisonment range of 30 to 37 months. The calculation of the guideline range included a two point adjustment for obstruction of justice. See Presentence Report, \P The Court's enhancement for obstruction of justice was premised on the Court's finding that Taylor perjured himself during his testimony at trial. In addition, defendant had counseled two witnesses to falsify evidence and lie to the Internal Revenue Service during the investigation.

Over the government's objection, the Court downwardly departed pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5H1.11 (Charitable Service, Good Works) and varied downward pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). The Court imposed a five year term of probation, with the condition that the first year be spent in a community confinement center (also known as a half-way house); the requirement that he spend five hours a week performing community service; and a \$10,000

fine. Among other things, the Statement of Reasons explained that defendant had provided "exceptional and extraordinary community service" as a music teacher in the Boston Public Schools in Dorchester, Massachusetts. (Judgment, dated July 13, 2006, App. A.) I found, "Because of Taylor's leadership, the Fifield School is one of the few Boston Public Schools that has both a band and a chorus. Mr. Taylor works after school without extra pay in organizing these activities. He also helps manage the school, protects the after-school safety of children taking buses, and does fund-raising for events like taking the kids to the Boston Symphony Orchestra." (Id.) Taylor served as a father figure for his inner-city students, many of whom came from underprivileged backgrounds, provided free concerts as a trumpet player and jazz musician to public interest groups, and helped take care of a close friend with multiple sclerosis. (Id.) Significantly, though, the Court stated, "In deciding the sentence, I took into account the persuasive evidence that any incarceration would likely disqualify him from ever serving as a teacher again. However, a half-way house will permit him to continue teaching." (Id.) The courtroom was filled with colleagues from his school, parents of students, and fellow and sister church members.

The government appealed. The First Circuit reversed. While concluding that the Court reasonably downwardly departed pursuant

to Section 5H1.11, the First Circuit held that the degree of the departure/variance was unreasonable because, among other things, Taylor did not demonstrate sufficient acceptance of responsibility for his actions; the court gave "incommensurate weight to the fact that Taylor's absence from school would negatively affect his students"; Taylor was not an "aberration from the overall conclusion that the threat of jail time deters white-collar crime"; and the sentence was inconsistent with the need to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities, particularly in the area of white-collar crime. United States v. Taylor, 499 F.3d 94, 100-104 (1st Cir. 2007) (<u>Taylor I</u>). The Supreme Court vacated Taylor I and remanded it for further consideration in light of Gall v. United States, 128 S. Ct. 586 (2007). Taylor v. United States, 128 S. Ct. 8783 (2008). The First Circuit then remanded back to this Court for reconsideration with the penefit of the decisions in <u>Kimbrough v. United States</u>, 128 S. Ct. 558 (2007) and Rita v. United States, 551 U.S. 338 (2007) - as well as the concerns expressed in Taylor I. Taylor II.

The resentencing hearing took place on March 4, 2009. The Court heard the testimony of Yolanda Schmidt, an employment specialist and facility manager at the Coolidge House Comprehensive Sanction Center, the community confinement center where Taylor was placed for a year. She interacted with him on a daily basis. As a court commitment, he was a "level two"

offender, which is the most restrictive level. Because Taylor was placed there as part of a court sentence, unlike other residents he was never permitted to advance to a level with fewer restrictions. He was required to be in Coolidge House except when he was working, doing community service, or going to church or a sanctioned class. While he was permitted to exercise at a gym across the street, he received no other leisure time.

Generally, cell phones are not permitted at the half-way house. He was required to be in his room by 11:15 each night. While at Coolidge House, he complied with all rules and paid all fines and assessments.

At the hearing, the government introduced a letter from Virginia Tisei, Director of Labor Relations, Boston Public Schools, stating that "if [the defendant's] incarceration did not affect his ability to fulfill his job duties, then he would remain eligible for employment with the Boston Public Schools." This filing clarified that Taylor would not lose his job as a teacher if incarcerated over the summer. Defendant did not dispute this fact.

Defendant introduced evidence that he performed twice the amount of community service required, teaching trumpet, clarinet and flute lessons ten hours a week, instead of the mandatory five

Level one, the highest level, is reserved for previously jailed defendants who are likely to return to jail for further incarceration because of disciplinary infractions.

hours, and has been successful in promoting his students for music programs and scholarships at the Berklee City Music Preparatory School.

Considering all the Section 3553(a) factors, the Court departs and varies downward and imposes a two month term of incarceration to be served from June 29, 2009 to August 23, 2009. Taking into account the First Circuit's concerns in Taylor I, I find that this term of "jail time" adequately reflects the seriousness of the offense (including the obstruction of justice), when taken in combination with the 12 months already served in a community confinement center. While this placement was not as restrictive or institutional as a minimum security facility (i.e., he was not in complete lockdown), a community confinement center is no bed-and-breakfast. Rather, serving time in a community confinement center involves significant restrictions on one's liberty as well as stigma, which provide an adequate deterrent to would-be tax offenders. 2 See Gall, 128 S. Ct. at 594-96. This sentence, which is tantamount to fourteen months, is sufficient but not greater than necessary to take into account the sentencing goals of punishment and deterrence. also takes into account the impact that a longer jail sentence spanning the school year would have on the children in the

² Indeed, the Bureau of Prisons itself places certain offenders in community confinement centers rather than in jail upon the recommendation of a judge.

community because Taylor will not lose his job as a proactive music teacher. See <u>United States v. Olbres</u>, 99 F.3d 28, 33-37 (1st Cir. 1996).

Taking into account the nature and characteristics of the offender, this sentence recognizes the extraordinary charitable contributions to his school community which Taylor has made over the years - contributions he has continued to make since his release. In his most recent allocution to the Court, Taylor, grim-faced, finally took responsibility for his actions. There is little to no risk that Taylor will re-offend, and thus no need to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant.

Also, as he has already served at least one year of probation, there is no need for the mandatory one year of supervised release. Rehabilitation is not an issue as Taylor has adequate educational or vocational training. Restitution is no longer relevant since I am told he has paid all tax penalties, fines and assessments.

I pause over the factor in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6), that is, the need to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities among defendants. In data published by the United States Sentencing Commission, "Preliminary Post-Kimbrough/Gall Data Report" (September 2008), the Commission reports that only 42.2 percent of the 294 post-Kimbrough/Gall tax cases were sentenced within the advisory guideline range. Table 3. Out of the cases

sentenced below the tax guidelines after Kimbrough/Gall, as a result of departures or variances, the median sentence in months was 0.0, the median decrease in months from the guideline minimum was 11.0, and the median percent decrease from the guideline minimum was 99.9 percent. Id. at Table 10. While these statistics are preliminary, they demonstrate that this sentence will not create unwarranted sentencing disparities with others sentenced for tax offenses.

As a final note, taking a measure of Mr. Taylor as an individual was unusually complex because it was so difficult to understand how such a talented, musical, and charitable man could also engage in such extensive tax fraud and perjury. Having considered the advisory guideline range, the Section 3553 a) factors, the concerns of the First Circuit in Taylor I and Taylor II, and the evidence at both sentencing hearings, I find that there are valid reasons for varying and departing below the guidelines to a sentence of two months incarceration, coupled with twelve months placement in a community confinement center. In addition to this written statement of reasons, I also incorporate the reasons I expressed at the hearing.